

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the time taken by the Examiner to review Applicant's present application. Applicant has amended Claims 1, 3, 12 and 14 and added Claim 23. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added by these amendments. Thus, Claims 1-23 are pending in this application. This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Official Action mailed March 25, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 4-5, 8, 11-12, 15-16, 19 and 22 stand rejected as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,732,331 ("Alexander"). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant has amended Claims 1, 3, 12 and 14 to more distinctly point out and claim the invention, support for which can be found in the specification. More specifically, Claim 1, as amended recites a method of modifying a target document comprising accessing a target document, a metadata element, and a rendering instruction, wherein the target document comprises a target element; locating the target element to which the metadata element applies, transforming the metadata element into a rendered element by using the rendering instruction, and displaying the rendered element in conjunction with the target element. Claim 12, as amended, recites similar limitations.

After reviewing the portions of Alexander cited by the Examiner the Applicant respectfully submits that these portions of Alexander do not disclose the claimed limitation of displaying the rendered element in conjunction with the target element, as recited in Claims 1 and 12. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1 and 12 is respectfully requested. Additionally, as Claims 4-5, 8, 11, 15-16, 19 and 22 are further limitations on Claims 1 or 12, applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of these claims as well.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 2-3 and 13-14 stand rejected as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,732,331 ("Alexander") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,456,305 ("Qureshi"). Claims 6, 9, 17 and 20 stand rejected as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,732,331 ("Alexander") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,041,335 ("Merritt"). Claims 7 and 18 stand rejected as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,732,331 ("Alexander") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,557,717 ("Wayner"). Claims 10 and 21

stand rejected as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,732,331 ("Alexander") in view of *XSL Transformation (XSLT) Version 1.0* ("Clark"). Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

As Claims 2-3, 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 17, 18 and 20 are further limitations on Claims 1 or 12, Applicant submits that the arguments presented with respect to Claims 1 and 12 above is equally applicable here. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 2-3, 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 17, 18 and 20.

IDS REFERENCES

Consideration of References Cited in IDS

The Applicant filed an information disclosure statement (IDS) in the present application on February 25, 2005. The Applicant notes that the Office Action was not accompanied by a copy of the listing of references (Form PTO-1449) submitted with this IDS, initialed by the Examiner to indicate that the references cited therein were considered. Applicant realizes that the Examiner may not have had adequate time to review these references before the issuance of the current Office Action. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully request that the Examiner consider the references cited in this IDS and forward a copy of the initialed Form PTO-1449 to the Applicant.

CONCLUSION

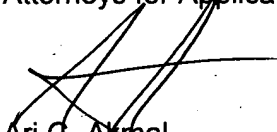
Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. Other than as explicitly set forth above, this reply does not include an acquiescence to statements, assertions, assumptions, conclusions, or any combination thereof in the Office Action. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 1-23. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below for prompt action in the event any issues remain.

An extension of 1 month is requested and a Notification of Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 with the appropriate fee is enclosed herewith.

The Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-3183 of Sprinkle IP Law Group.

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